

REMARKS

This continued prosecution application is in response to the Final Official Action dated June 4, 2002, the shortened statutory period for responding being set to expire on September 4, 2002. In view of the above amendments and within remarks, Notice of Allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner in the Official Action has withdrawn claims 36-78 from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species. The Examiner states that the withdrawn claims are directed to a kit, as opposed to an apparatus as originally claimed. Applicant has filed the within continued prosecution application with claims directed to a kit as opposed to the aforementioned apparatus.

To facilitate the Examiner's understanding of the claims, the Examiner's attention is directed to independent claim 36. The kit includes a plurality of attachment components which are adapted to be assembled into a plurality of attachments each of a different configuration for mounting a device to a surface. The attachment components at least include a shaft holder, a threaded rod and a nut. When assembling an attachment from the plurality of attachment components, at least one of the attachments includes the assembly of less than all of the plurality of attachment components, provided that, each of the plurality of attachments at least includes the shaft holder. The various configurations of the attachments are disclosed in Applicant's specification. The prior art of record fails to disclose these features of Applicant's claimed invention.

As all claims now possess the requisite novelty and unobviousness over the prior art of record, notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is also requested to acknowledge the prior art cited in Applicant's Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated March 22, 2001.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that the above actions cannot be taken at this time, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional issues that may be unresolved.

If there are any charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 12-1095.

Dated: August 22, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Stephen B. Goldman

Registration No.: 28,512
LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG,
KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP
600 South Avenue West
Westfield, New Jersey 07090
(908) 654-5000
Attorneys for Applicant

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made in Claims

36. (Thrice Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A kit for assembly into a plurality of attachments, each of said attachments adapted for mounting a device to a surface, said kit ~~the apparatus comprising: a shaft holder having a plurality of walls, a bottom having a first hole formed therein, and an open top so as to form a receptacle for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably positionable within said shaft holder; a threaded rod positioned so as to extend through said first hole; a nut in threaded engagement with said threaded rod; and a plurality of attachment components adapted to be assembled into a plurality of attachment means~~ attachments each of a different configuration for mounting a device attaching said shaft holder to the to a surface, said attachment components at least including a shaft holder, a threaded rod and a nut, at least one of said attachment means ~~attachments comprising the assembly of less than all of said plurality of attachment components, provided that, each all of said plurality of attachment means~~ attachments at least includes said shaft holder including a bottom having a first hole formed therein and an open top forming a receptacle adapted for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably positionable within said shaft holder.

37. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 36, wherein one of said attachment means ~~attachments includes said threaded rod and said nut, and attaches said shaft holder to the surface by passing said threaded rod through said first hole and another hole in the surface, and securing said nut on a portion of said threaded rod that extends below the surface.~~

38. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 37, wherein said attachment components include a clamping plate, one of said attachment means ~~attachments further includes said a clamping plate located below the surface and having a centrally~~

located hole therein, said threaded rod passing through said centrally located hole, and said nut being secured on said threaded rod below said clamping plate so as to push said clamping plate against the surface.

39. (Amended) The ~~apparatus-kit~~ as described in claim 37, wherein said attachment components include at least one buffering pad, one of said attachment means-attachments further includes said at least one buffering pad positioned between the bottom of said shaft holder and the surface.

40. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 38, wherein said attachment components include at least one buffering pad, one of said attachment means-attachments further includes said at least one buffering pad positioned between the surface and said clamping plate.

41. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 36, wherein said attachment components include a first member, one of said attachment means-attachments includes said a first member having a first flange and a second flange generally perpendicularly attached to said first flange, said first flange having a second hole formed therein, and said first member attached to said shaft holder by passing said threaded rod through said second hole and said first hole and securing said nut on said threaded rod.

42. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 41, wherein said attachment components include at least one screw, one of said attachment means-attachments further includes said at least one screw and at least a third hole formed in said second flange, and said one of said attachment means-attachments is attached to the surface by screwing said at least one screw through said at least a third hole and into the surface.

43. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 41, wherein said attachment components include a second member, a clamping mechanism and at least one screw, one of said

~~attachment means attachments further~~ includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; said a second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fourth hole formed therein, and said fourth flange having at least a fifth hole formed therein; said a clamping mechanism including a clamping plate and an adjustment means engageable with said clamping plate; ~~and at least one screw~~, wherein said first member is attached to said second member by screwing said at least one second screw through said third hole and said fifth hole, and said shaft holder is attached to the surface by clamping said surface between said first flange and said clamping plate, said adjustment means passing through said fourth hole and engaging and pushing said clamping plate into the surface.

44. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 41, wherein the surface is a panel wall having vertically aligned slots, and wherein said attachment components include a bracket and at least one bolt, one of said attachment means attachments further includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; said a bracket having a plurality of hooks adapted to engage the vertically aligned slots, and at least a fourth hole formed therein, said bracket being mounted to the surface by engaging said plurality of hooks with vertically aligned slots; ~~and at least one bolt~~, wherein said at least one bolt is passed through said at least a third hole and through said at least a fourth hole to secure said bracket to said first member.

45. (Amended) The ~~kit apparatus~~ as described in claim 44, wherein said attachment components include at least one screw, one of said attachment means attachments further includes at least a fifth hole formed in said bracket, and said at least

one screw ~~which~~ is passed through said at least fifth hole to engage with the panel wall.

46. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 45, wherein said attachment components include a plate, one of said attachment means attachments further comprises a plate, includes said plate being positioned between the panel wall and said bracket to prevent damage to the panel wall from said at least one screw.

47. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 46, wherein said plate includes at least one tab for engaging at least one of the vertically aligned slots, and at least a sixth hole for passing said at least one bolt through so as to connect said plate to said bracket and said first member.

48. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 41, wherein the surface is a slat wall having only upwardly facing slats, and wherein said attachment components include a first bracket, at least a first bolt, at least a first screw, a second bracket, at least a second bolt, a corresponding nut and at least a second screw, one of said attachment means attachments further includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; said a first bracket having a third flange and a fourth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said fourth flange having a lip adapted to engage one of said upwardly facing slats, said third flange having at least a fourth hole, at least a fifth hole, and at least one slot; said at least a first bolt for attaching said first bracket to said first member by passing said at least a first bolt through said at least a fourth hole and said at least a third hole; said at least a first screw for connecting said first bracket to the slat wall by passing said at least a first screw through said at least a fifth hole and engaging the slat wall; said second bracket having a fifth flange, a sixth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said fifth flange, and

a seventh flange angularly connected to said fifth flange, said sixth flange having a lip adapted to engage one of said upwardly facing slats, said fifth flange having at least a sixth hole, and said seventh flange having at least a seventh hole; said at least a second bolt and said corresponding nut ~~for~~ attaching said second bracket to said first bracket by passing said at least a second bolt through said at least a sixth hole and said at least one slot, and securing said corresponding nut on said at least a second bolt; and said at least a second screw for connecting said second bracket to the slat wall by passing said at least a second screw through said at least a seventh hole and engaging the slat wall.

49. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 41, wherein the surface is a slat wall having upwardly facing slats and downwardly facing slats, and wherein said attachment components include a first bracket, at least a first bolt, at least a first screw, a second bracket, at least a second bolt, a corresponding nut and at least a second screw, one of said ~~attachment means attachments~~ further includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; said a first bracket having a third flange and a fourth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said fourth flange having a lip adapted to engage one of said upwardly facing slats, said third flange having at least a fourth hole, at least a fifth hole, and at least one slot; said at least a first bolt for attaching said first bracket to said first member by passing said at least a first bolt through said at least a fourth hole and said at least a third hole; said at least a first screw for connecting said first bracket to the slat wall by passing said at least a first screw through said at least a fifth hole and engaging the slat wall; said a second bracket having a fifth flange and a sixth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said fifth flange, said fifth flange having at least a sixth hole, and said

sixth flange having a lip adapted to engage of one of said downwardly facing slats and at least a seventh hole; said at least a second bolt and said corresponding nut for attaching said second bracket to said first bracket by passing said at least a second bolt through said at least a sixth hole and said at least one slot, and securing said corresponding nut on said at least a second bolt; and said at least a second screw for connecting said second bracket to the slat wall by passing said at least a second screw through said at least a seventh hole and engaging the slat wall.

50. (Twice Amended) A kitsystem for assembly onto a plurality of devices, each of said devices adapted for mounting an electronic component ~~a device~~ to a surface using one of said a plurality of devices each of a different configuration that can be assembled from the kitsystem, said kit ~~the system~~ comprising ~~+~~ a shaft holder including ~~having a plurality of walls,~~ a bottom having a first hole formed therein, and an open top ~~so as to form~~ forming a receptacle adapted for receiving the device, wherein the electronic component ~~device~~ is removably insertable into said receptacle; a plurality of threaded rods; a nut; a clamping plate having a second hole centrally located therein; a first member having a first flange and a second flange generally perpendicularly attached to said first flange, said first flange having a third hole formed therein, and said second flange having at least a fourth hole formed therein; and a second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fifth hole formed therein, and said fourth flange having at least a sixth hole formed therein; said shaft holder, said plurality of threaded rods, said nut, said clamping plate, said first member and said second member comprising attachment components adapted to be assembled into said plurality of devices, at least one of said plurality of devices

comprising the assembly of less than all of said attachment components, provided that, each ~~all~~ of said plurality of devices at least includes said shaft holder.

51. (Amended) The kit ~~system~~ as described in claim 50, wherein the plurality of devices includes a clamp mount, a wall mount, and a flat mount.

52. (Amended) The kit ~~system~~ as described in claim 51, wherein said flat mount is assembled by placing shaft holder above the surface and the clamping plate below the surface, passing one of said plurality of threaded rods through said first hole, through the surface, through said second hole, and screwing said nut on said threaded rod.

53. (Amended) The kit ~~system~~ as described in claim 51, wherein said wall mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, securing said nut on said first threaded rod, and screwing a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a fourth hole and into the surface.

54. (Amended) The kit ~~system~~ as described in claim 51, wherein said clamp mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; connecting said first member and said second member by aligning said second flange and said fourth flange, and screwing at least a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a fourth hole and said at least a sixth hole; locating said clamping plate below the surface, said first flange above the surface and said third flange below the clamping plate; and screwing a third one of said plurality of threaded rods through said fifth hole so as to engage said clamping plate and push said clamping upward to engage the surface.

55. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 51, wherein said attachment components further include ~~comprising a~~ bracket having a plurality of hooks adapted to engage vertically aligned slots on a panel wall, at least a seventh hole and at least an eighth hole; and at least one bolt.

56. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 55, wherein said wall mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; attaching said bracket to said first member by passing said at least one bolt through said at least a seventh hole and said at least a fourth hole; and mounting said bracket to the panel wall by engaging said plurality of hooks in the vertically aligned slots and screwing at least a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least an eighth hole to contact the panel wall.

57. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 55, wherein said attachment components further include ~~comprising a~~ plate having at least two tabs and at least a ninth hole.

58. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 57, wherein said wall mount is assembled by+ connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; attaching said plate to said bracket, and said bracket to said first member by passing said at least one bolt through said at least ninth hole, said at least seventh hole and said at least fourth hole; mounting said plate to the panel wall by engaging said at least two tabs in the vertically aligned slots; and mounting said bracket to the panel wall by engaging said plurality of hooks in the vertically aligned slots and screwing at least a second one of said threaded rods through said at

least an eighth hole so as to push said plate into the panel wall.

59. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 51, wherein said attachment components further ~~include~~comprising: a first bracket having a ~~fifth~~third flange and a ~~sixth~~fourth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said ~~fifth~~third flange, said ~~sixth~~fourth flange having a first lip adapted to engage a first upwardly facing slot of a panel wall, said ~~fifth~~third flange having at least a seventh hole, at least an eighth hole, and at least one slot; at least a first bolt for attaching said first bracket to said first member by passing said at least a first bolt through said at least a fourth hole and said at least a third hole; at least a first screw; a second bracket having a ~~seventh~~fifth flange, an ~~eighth~~sixth flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said ~~seventh~~fifth flange, and a ~~ninth~~seventh flange angularly connected to said ~~seventh~~fifth flange, said ~~eighth~~sixth flange having a second lip adapted to engage a second upwardly facing slot, said ~~seventh~~fifth flange having at least a ninth hole, and said ~~ninth~~seventh flange having at least a tenth hole; at least a second bolt and corresponding nut; and at least a second screw.

60. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 59, wherein said wall mount is assembled by ~~connecting~~ said shaft ~~shoulder holder~~ to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded cylindrical rod; attaching said first bracket to said first member by passing said at least one bolt through said at least a seventh hole and through said at least fourth hole;

connecting said first bracket to the slot wall by engaging said first lip with the first upwardly facing slot, and passing said at least a first screw through said at least an eighth hole and engaging the slot wall; attaching said second bracket to

said first bracket by passing said at least a second bolt through said at least a ninth hole and said at least one slot, and securing said corresponding nut on said at least a second bolt; and connecting said second bracket to the slat wall by engaging said second lip with the second upwardly facing slat, and passing said at least a second screw through said at least a tenth hole and engaging the slat wall.

61. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 51, wherein said attachment components further ~~include comprising:~~ a first bracket having a fifth ~~third~~-flange and a sixth ~~fourth~~ flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said fifth ~~third~~-flange, said sixth ~~fourth~~-flange having a first lip adapted to engage an upwardly facing slat, said fifth ~~third~~ flange having at least a seventh hole, at least an eighth hole, and at least one slot; at least a first bolt; at least a first screw; a second bracket having a seventh ~~fifth~~-flange and an eighth ~~sixth~~ flange substantially perpendicularly attached to said seventh ~~fifth~~-flange, said seventh ~~fifth~~-flange having at least a ninth hole, and said eighth ~~sixth~~-flange having a second lip adapted to engage a downwardly facing slat and at least a tenth hole; at least a second bolt and corresponding nut; and at least a second screw.

62. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 61, wherein said wall mount is assembled by+ connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said third hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; attaching said first bracket to said first member by passing said at least a first bolt through said at least a seventh hole and said at least a fourth hole; connecting said first bracket to the slat wall by engaging said first lip with the first upwardly facing slat, and passing said at least a first screw through said at least an eighth hole and engaging the slat wall;

attaching said second bracket to said first bracket by passing said at least a second bolt through said at least a ninth hole and said at least one slot, and securing said corresponding nut on said at least a second bolt; and connecting said second bracket to the slat wall by engaging said second lip with the downwardly facing slat, and passing said at least a second screw through said at least a tenth hole and engaging the slat wall.

63. (Thrice Amended) A kit for assembly onto a plurality of attachments, each of said attachments adapted for ~~An apparatus of mounting a device to a supporting surface, said kit the apparatus comprising: a shaft holder including a bottom having a first hole formed therein and an open top forming a receptacle therein for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably positionable within said shaft holder; a threaded rod positioned to extend through said first hole; a nut in threaded engagement with said threaded rod; and a plurality of attachment components adapted to be assembled into a plurality of attachment means attachments each of a different configuration for mounting a device attaching said shaft holder to a the surface, said attachment components at least including a shaft holder, a threaded rod, a nut, a first member and a second member, at least one of said attachment means attachments comprising the assembly of less than all of said plurality of attachment components, provided that, each all of said plurality of attachment means attachments at least includes said shaft holder, said shaft holder including a bottom having a first hole formed therein and an open top forming a receptacle therein for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably positionable within said shaft holder.~~

64. (Amended) The ~~kit~~ apparatus as described in claim 63, wherein one of said attachment means attachments includes said a first member having a first flange and a second flange

generally perpendicularly attached to said first flange, said first flange having a second hole formed therein, and said first member attached to said shaft holder by passing said threaded rod through said second hole and said first hole and securing said nut on said threaded rod.

65. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 64, wherein said attachment components include at least one screw, one of said attachment means attachments further includes at least one screw and at least a third hole formed in said second flange, said one of said attachment means attachments attachable to the surface by screwing said at least one screw through said at least a third hole and into the surface.

66. (Amended) The ~~kit~~apparatus as described in claim 64, wherein said attachment components include a clamping mechanism, an adjustment device and at least one screw, one of said attachment means attachments further includes at least a third hole formed in said second flange; said second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fourth hole formed therein, and said fourth flange having at least a fifth hole formed therein; said clamping mechanism including a clamping plate; said and an adjustment device means engageable with said clamping plate; and at least one screw, wherein said first member is attached to said second member by screwing said at least one ~~second~~ screw through said third hole and said fifth hole, and said shaft holder is attachable to the surface by clamping said surface between said first flange and said clamping plate, said adjustment device means passing through said fourth hole and engaging and pushing said clamping plate into the surface.

67. (Thrice Amended) A ~~system~~kit for assembly into a plurality of mounting devices, each of said mounting devices adapted for mounting an electronic device to a

supporting surface using one of a plurality of said mounting devices each of a different configuration that can be assembled from the ~~kit~~system, ~~said kit~~the system comprising: a shaft holder including a bottom having a first hole formed therein and an open top forming a receptacle adapted for receiving the device, wherein the electronic device is removably insertable into said receptacle; a plurality of threaded rods; a nut; a clamping plate; a first member having a first flange and a second flange generally perpendicularly attached to said first flange, said first flange having a second hole formed therein, and said second flange having at least a third hole formed therein; and a second member having a third flange and a fourth flange generally perpendicularly attached to said third flange, said third flange having a fourth hole formed therein, and said fourth flange having at least a fifth hole formed therein; said shaft holder, said plurality of threaded rods, said nut, said clamping plate, said first member and said second member comprising attachment components adapted to be assembled into said plurality of mounting devices, at least one of said plurality of mounting devices comprising the assembly of less than all of said attachment components, provided that, each ~~all~~ of said plurality of mounting devices at least includes said shaft holder.

68. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 67, wherein the plurality of said mounting devices includes a clamp mount, a wall mount, and a flat mount.

69. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 68, wherein said wall mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said second hole and said first hole, securing said nut on said first threaded rod, and screwing a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a third hole and into the surface.

70. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 68, further including a clamping plate having a sixth hole located therein.

71. (Amended) The ~~kit~~system as described in claim 70, wherein said clamp mount is assembled by connecting said shaft holder to said first flange by passing a first one of said plurality of threaded rods through said second hole and said first hole, and securing said nut on said first threaded rod; connecting said first member and said second member by aligning said second flange and said fourth flange, and screwing at least a second one of said plurality of threaded rods through said at least a third hole and said at least a fifth hole; locating said clamping plate below the surface, said first flange above the surface and said third flange below the clamping plate; and screwing a third one of said plurality of threaded rods through said fourth hole so as to engage said clamping plate and push said clamping plate upward to engage the surface.

72. (Twice Amended) A kit adapted for assembly into a plurality of attachments ~~An apparatus~~ for mounting a device to a supporting surface, said kit ~~the apparatus~~ comprising ~~a~~ a shaft holder including a bottom and an open top forming a receptacle therein adapted for receiving the device, wherein the device is removably positionable within said shaft holder; ~~a threaded rod positioned to extend from said bottom surface of said shaft holder;~~ and a plurality of attachment components adapted to be assembled into a plurality of ~~attachment means~~ attachments each of a different configuration for attaching said shaft holder to the surface, at least one of said ~~attachment means~~ attachments comprising the assembly of less than all of said plurality of attachment components, provided that, each ~~all~~ of said plurality of ~~attachment means~~ attachments at least includes said shaft holder.

73. (Twice Amended) The kit~~apparatus~~ as described in claim 79~~72~~, wherein at least one of said plurality of attachment components is attached to said threaded rod.

74. (Amended) The kit~~apparatus~~ as described in claim 36, wherein said threaded rod comprises a bolt or a screw.

75. (Amended) The kit~~system~~ as described in claim 50, wherein said thread rods comprise bolts or screws.

76. (Amended) The kit~~apparatus~~ as described in claim 63, wherein said threaded rod comprises a bolt or a screw.

77. (Amended) The kit~~system~~ as described in claim 67, wherein said threaded rods comprise bolts or screws.

78. (Amended) The kit~~apparatus~~ as described in claim 72, wherein said thread rod comprises a bolt or a screw.

374964_1.DOC